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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 12 and 23 as follows. A marked up version of the claims is included in the Appendix.

12. (Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the subsurface buoyant device is located at a depth below the water surface such that the subsurface buoyant device is substantially unaffected by waves and surface currents produced by a selected storm magnitude.

23. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the storage tank is a pressure balanced vessel having a box-shaped configuration with a web-framed steel structure.

Please add the following new claim.

30. (New) An oil storage and offtake system, comprising:
a storage tank attachable to a seabed and adapted to store hydrocarbons therein;
at least one offload line having a first end coupled to and in fluid communication with the tank proximal a top of the tank and a second end adapted to be fluid coupled to a tanker and accessible from a water surface; and

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